



## **Rhode Island Women Veteran's Memorial**

The Rhode Island Women Veteran's Memorial should be viewed as a unique, living memorial, honoring all military women from Rhode Island. This Memorial is the State's first major effort in honoring women, who have served in our nation's armed forces, during all eras and in all services.

The memorial was dedicated on November 2, 2002 at the Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. The guest speaker at the dedication was Brigadier General, Retired, Wilma Vaught, the founder of the "Women In Military Service Memorial" and

Captain, Retired, Barbara McGann, former Base Provost of the Newport Naval War College.

The history of women serving in defense of our nation began more than 220 years ago. **Today there are almost two million women veterans who served their nation – voluntarily** –since it's beginning.

The military of the 21st Century needs the intelligence and enthusiasm of ALL the young women who choose to serve – let's show them that their sacrifices will be remembered and appreciated.